

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bill Green for seventy years of continuous membership in American Legion Post 117.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Bill Green of Red Boiling Springs, who was recently honored for seventy years of continuous membership in American Legion Post 117; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green joined the United States Army in September 1944 and served as a soldier in the 158<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team, known as the Bushmasters, which wiped out pockets of resistance, rounded up Japanese prisoners, and guarded the prisoners in detention cages in Leyte, Luzon, Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bill Green was in the midst of training to invade the southern island of Kyushu, Japan, on November 1, 1945, but following Japan's unconditional surrender after the deployment of two atomic bombs, he was instead transferred to Utsunomiya, Japan, approximately ninety miles north of Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Green was stationed in Utsunomiya for a year before he returned home to the United States and was discharged at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on November 26, 1946; and

WHEREAS, for his distinguished military service, he received a number of ribbons and commendations, including the Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the Japan

Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star, and a Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Bill Green is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Joyce; their children, Patricia Ferguson, Jan West, and Don Green; and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, for seven decades, Bill Green has demonstrated his faithful and dedicated allegiance to the ideals of the American Legion, serving as a member in good standing and an outstanding contributor to its programs, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Bill Green for seventy years of continuous membership in American Legion Post 117 and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.